

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Decision on Appeal dated **July 30, 2010**.

The Board's Decision affirmed the Examiner's rejection with respect to claims 2, 4-14, 17-20, and 22 and reversed the Examiner's rejection with respect to claims 15-16.

Applicant has amended independent claim 17 to include the recitations of claim 15.

The Board's Decision indicated that the through-hole size feature presented in claim 15 "would permit heated liquid fluid to enter and completely fill the mold, leaving no air to be expelled which is contrary to Leonhardt's teachings." Decision, p. 6. Applicant has also added a new independent claim 23, which includes the recitations of claim 16. The Board indicated that the through-hole size feature presented in claim 16 was allowable for the same reasons as claim 15. Applicant has also amended claim 10, which depends from claim 17 due to the dimensional recitations presented in amended claim 17.

Applicant believes that claims 2, 4-14, 17-20, and 22-23 are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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